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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE  
EFFICIENT CLEARING OF SPECTRUM  
ENCUMBRANCES

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Amendment in the Notice of Allowance mailed November 15, 2011, please amend the patent application identified above as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.